

5-501.19 Storage Areas, Redeeming Machines, Receptacles and Waste Handling Units, Location.

(A) An area designated for refuse, recyclables, returnables, and, except as specified in ¶ (B) of this section, a redeeming machine for recyclables or returnables shall be located so that it is separate from food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles and a public health hazard or nuisance is not created.

(B) A redeeming machine may be located in the packaged food storage area or consumer area of a food establishment if food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles are not subject to contamination from the machines and a public health hazard or nuisance is not created.

(C) The location of receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables may not create a public health hazard or nuisance or interfere with the cleaning of adjacent space.

5-501.110 Storing Refuse, Recyclables, and Returnables.

Refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be stored in receptacles or waste handling units so that they are inaccessible to insects and rodents.

5-501.112 Outside Storage Prohibitions.

(A) Except as specified in ¶ (B) of this section, refuse receptacles not meeting the requirements specified under ¶ 5-501.13(A) such as receptacles that are not rodent-resistant, unprotected plastic bags and paper bags, or baled units that contain materials with food residue may not be stored outside.

(B) Cardboard or other packaging material that does not contain food residues and that is awaiting regularly scheduled delivery to a recycling or disposal site may be stored outside without being in a covered receptacle if it is stored so that it does not create a rodent harborage problem.

5-501.113 Covering Receptacles.

Receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall be kept covered:

(A) Inside the food establishment if the receptacles and units:

- (1) Contain food residue and are not in continuous use; or
- (2) After they are filled; and

(B) With tight-fitting lids or doors if kept outside the food establishment.

5-501.114 Using Drain Plugs.

Drains in receptacles and waste handling units for refuse, recyclables, and returnables shall have drain plugs in place.

Recyclable Storage

LLCHD encourages the recycling of reusable resources such as paper, glass, metals, plastics, and oils. Dedicated equipment and designated storage locations are required in order to recycle in a sanitary manner, which prevents the attraction of pests and the contamination of food or food service items.

Keep recyclables in tightly covered pest-proof receptacles. Baled corrugates (cardboard) may be kept outside without cover, provided it does not become a rodent harborage problem.

Empty glass and aluminum beverage containers kept indoors for recycling shall be kept covered at all times to prevent fruit fly infestations. Rinsing containers is recommended.

Waste cooking oils should be screened of food debris before being emptied into an outdoor grease dumpster.